GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CULTURE
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:286
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HISTORICAL MONUMENTS
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Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of the centrally protected monuments in the National Capital Region, location-wise;

(b) the total amount spent on preservation and maintenance of these monuments during the last three years and the current year;

(c) whether the Archaeological Survey of India has taken a decision to put in place adequate lighting arrangement in historical monuments of the capital alongwith their restoration in view of the Commonwealth Games;

(d) if so, the number of monuments identified for this purpose;

(e) the number of monuments in the heritage list of UNESCO; and

(f) the further action proposed to be taken by the Ministry to include more monuments in the heritage list?

Answer

MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE(SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI)

(a)to(f) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PART (a) TO (g) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 286 FOR 18.12.2008

(a) There are 174 monuments/sites in Delhi, 21 in Haryana and 4 in Uttar Pradesh in the National Capital Region that have been declared as of national importance.The location-wise details are at Annexure-I.

(b) The amount spent on the preservation and maintenance of these monuments during the last three years and upto Nov. 2008 is as under:

Rupees in lakhs

2005-06 759.51

2006-07 876.24

2007-08 811.70

2008-09 699.39

(Upto Nov.08)

(c)&(d) Forty six monuments have been identified for restoration and thirteen monuments are proposed for illumination in Delhi as per the Annexure II and III respectively.

(e) 22 cultural sites and 5 natural sites have been inscribed on the World Heritage List of UNESCO of which 3 monuments viz. Qutb Minar, Humayun's Tomb and Red Fort are in National Capital Region as per the list at Annexure-IV.

(f) A list of Cultural and Natural Heritage Sites included in the Tentative List of World Heritage Sites is at Annexure-V.